The Government have also recently issued orders for grant of special concessions to owners of pumping installations. These orders have been issued as instructions to all officers of the Revenue and Public Works Departments and the Board's Standing Order on the subject will be amended in due course.

(b) & (c) With reference to these orders no case has so far been reported for the orders of Government.

Introduction of the warping mill in Kurnool district.

* 342 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state, with reference to the statement made by the Special Officer for Cottage Industries at page 4 of his report *re* the Kurnool district, that there are no warping mills anywhere in the district to help the weaver in the preliminary processes—

(a) whether the Government have investigated the question of introducing the warping mill into the district through their departmental agency ; and

(b) whether any arrangements have been made or are proposed to be made to demonstrate the utility of the warping mill to the weaving population in the district ?

A.—(a) & (b) Warping mills are costly and bulky appliances suitable for capitalists who employ groups of weavers. These mills are not at present recommended by the Industries Department as a separate unit since a combined warping and sizing machine offers greater advantages to the weavers. A demonstration of this combined type of machine has already been given at select centres in the Ceded districts through the agency of the peripatetic weaving parties.

Improvements to the blanket industry in Kurnool district.

* 343 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state, with reference to the statement made by the Special Officer for Cottage Industries at page 12 of his report *re* Kurnool district, that the blanket or woollen rugs industry is capable of improvement in many respects, what steps have been taken or are proposed to be taken—

(a) to improve the breed of sheep ;

(b) to investigate into improved methods of carding ;

(c) to demonstrate to the people the superiority of the charka over the takli for purposes of spinning wool ; and

(d) to introduce the fly-shuttle to the weavers outside the Siddapuram settlement ?

A.—(a) The Registrar of Co-operative Societies is examining the feasibility of accredited co-operative societies taking a few good breeding rams from the Agricultural Department and, if possible, of organizing new co-operative societies for sheep breeding in the district.

(b) It has not yet been found possible to initiate experiments in connexion with the evolution of a suitable hand-driven carding machine.